

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP G. GROSE, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant from the State of South Carolina, a dear friend, and former colleague, Philip G. Grose, Jr. Phil is officially retiring from State Government as Director of the South Carolina Executive Institute after serving in various state government capacities for 36 years. His extraordinary leadership and service deserve recognition.

Phil is a native of Greenville, South Carolina, but he left his home state to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. His first professional job was as a staff writer and sports reporter for the Charlotte Observer in 1960. He went on to hone his writing and investigative skills as a reporter for Broadcasting magazine in New York, but returned to his native state to accept a position at The State newspaper in Columbia. There he served as Sports Writer and Business Editor, before finding his niche as Government Affairs Editor. That assignment helped Phil marry his love of politics to his skill of writing, and would unwittingly launch his second career in government.

In 1967, Governor Robert E. McNair recognized Phil's expertise and invited him to join the Governor's staff as News Secretary and Research Assistant. His adeptness and understanding both government and the media insured Phil's success in this role.

In 1967, John Carl West succeeded Bob McNair as Governor and invited Phil to serve in the new administration as Executive Assistant for Public Affairs. It was while Phil was preparing to serve in this capacity that he and I first met, when after some cajoling from him I accepted an invitation from Governor West to join his staff and was placed under Phil's tutelage. Phil shared his enormous talents and his enthusiasm was infectious. He merged efficiency and effectiveness in a manner I had not seen before, and made government work fun and productive. I learned a great deal from him and developed a great deal of admiration and respect for him.

Because of his tremendous abilities, Phil was elevated through a number of increasingly important positions in state government after Governor West tenure as Governor ended in 1975. Phil served as Executive Assistant to the President of the University of South Carolina, Chief Deputy Commissioner for the South Carolina Department of Social Services, Director of the South Carolina State Reorganization Commission, and Assistant Executive Director of the State Budget and Control Board.

In 1989, Phil was tapped to serve as the Director of the Executive Institute, where he leads statewide executive education programs for public sector leaders. He also manages the South Carolina Center for Excellence and the Budget and Control Board's training center.

Phil Grose is married to the former Virginia Maxwell. They have a daughter, Patricia Grose Williams, a son-in-law John D. Williams, and two grandsons, Harrison Philip Williams and David McCully Williams, all of Starnberg, Germany. Phil and his wife have both had very distinguished careers, and my wife Emily

have enjoyed being a part of their professional and personal lives. Although Phil has decided it is time to retire from his official role as a public servant, I know he will never relinquish his role of serving the public.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and the members of this august body to join me in commending Phil Grose on his compassion, his intelligence, his unflagging sense of humor, and his uncompromising dedication to his home state. His name may not be well known, but his words and phrases broadly read and widely quoted. His work is evident throughout South Carolina state government, and serves as an inspiration to many of us who currently serve. The impact of his service will be felt by future generations of public servants, and I am proud to have him as a friend and to honor him today.

ROBERT L. HABUSH TO BE HONORED BY THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 24, 2004, the American Jewish Committee's Milwaukee Chapter will proudly honor my friend, Robert L. Habush, as the Community Service Human Relations Award Recipient.

Every year the Chapter acknowledges one member of its association that has distinguished him or herself as an outstanding example of service and leadership to the Jewish community and the city as a whole. Bob is continually identified as a philanthropist who donates substantial time, talents, and financial resources to the people of Milwaukee.

In Wisconsin academic circles, Bob has strived to ensure that Wisconsin's future lawyers carry on his legacy of excellence. From lecturing at Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin, to writing instruction texts on litigation techniques, and providing funding for scholarships and clinics, he has moved to improve the state of legal education in Wisconsin.

A litigator for 42 years, Attorney Habush has been named as Best Trial Lawyer of the Year for the Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers and one of the Best Lawyers in America by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA), and served as the President of the Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers and President of the ATLA.

Bob has also been a dedicated friend to the Milwaukee Jewish Community. Not only has he donated his legal expertise to the Jewish Community Center legal team on a pro bono basis, but his fiscal gifts have made it possible for the Jewish Family Services to create of the JFS Robert and Mimi Habush Family Center, the administrative offices and counseling facilities for the organization. The Habush family has also donated an eight family apartment building as an independent housing facility for local residents with special needs.

Robert Habush is the embodiment of Albert Einstein's quote, "It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it." Bob has continued to be an inspiration to others on what difference one individual can make on the be-

half of many and is a deserving recipient of this great honor.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GREGG RIPPY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Gregg Rippy and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to the State of Colorado as a member of the Colorado General Assembly. Appointed to fill District 57's vacated seat in September of 2000, and subsequently elected for two more terms, Gregg will always be remembered as a dedicated public servant and leader of the community. As Gregg moves on in his career, let it be known that I, along with the people of Colorado, are eternally grateful for all that he has accomplished in his tenure in the Colorado House of Representatives.

A fourth generation Coloradan, Gregg has worked in the family construction business started by his grandfather since age fourteen. He began his political career on the Glenwood Springs Planning and Zoning Commission in 1992, and has served as secretary and treasurer for Garfield County's Republican Party. Due to legislative redistricting in 2001, Gregg became the incumbent for District 61, serving Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, and Pitkin counties, and was reelected for the 2003-2004 term. For this last term Gregg has chaired the Local Government Committee and served on the Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee.

Gregg has garnered numerous awards for his outstanding record as a legislator. In 2003, the National Association of Home Builders named him State Official of the Year. He also received the Excellence in Leadership award and the Defender of the American Dream award from the Colorado Association of Home Builders, and the Legislator of the Year award from the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties. Some of Gregg's extensive community involvement includes holding several degrees in the Masonic Lodge, and he is a charter member and ex-president of the Glenwood Springs Sunrise Rotary.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that State Representative Gregg Rippy has ceaselessly dedicated his time and efforts to serving his district and the people of Colorado in the Colorado General Assembly. I am honored to bring his hard work and commitment to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today. Thank you for all your service Gregg and I wish you and your wife Marilee all the best in your future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO PRISCILLA MADDOX

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Priscilla Maddox in recognition of her entrepreneurial accomplishments as well as her contribution to dietary and health sciences fields.

Priscilla Maddox is part owner, and co-founder of Kitchen for Hire, a commercial kitchen for caterers and others who do large volume food preparation. A unique concept, Kitchen for Hire has been established since September 2000 in Brooklyn, New York.

Priscilla began her career at Sydenham Hospital, New York, where she worked for 10 years as head of the Microbiology Department. She then moved on to the Marcus Garvey Nursing Home in Brooklyn where she served as Infection Control Coordinator for six years. In 1983, Priscilla headed the Isabella Geriatric Center in New York City as a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator. After retiring from the Center, Priscilla became self-employed and ran PMM Enterprises for six years. In 2001, Priscilla became an instructor at Medgar Evers College, where she presently conducts Continuing Education Classes, including Cooking for Diabetics.

A holder of many licenses and certificates, Priscilla possesses a Food Handler's License from the City of New York Department of Health, a Commercial Cooking and Catering Certificate, Better Process Control School, Cornell University Food Processing Extension; Nursing Home Administrator's License, New York State Department of Health; Health Care Risk Management, Institute of Medical Law/American Institute of Medical Law, Inc. which was approved by the State of Florida Department of Insurance.

Priscilla works with a number of community-based organizations. She is a member of the National Register of Who's Who 2004 and the Women's Chefs & Restaurateurs. She is also a member of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce (CACCI); the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce; Community Board #8 in Brooklyn, NY; the Washington Avenue Merchants Association (WAMA); the Non-Profit Risk Management Institutes in Washington, DC; the Renaissance Health Care Network Auxiliary at Harlem Hospital. In addition, Priscilla works with the Isabella Nursing Home Corporation and the advisory board of Vision Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Priscilla has been at the forefront of many continuing education programs including those sponsored by American Association of Homes & Services of the Aging, NY and WIBO, Workshop in Business Opportunities. She recently received a citation at the 13th Luncheon and Awards Ceremony for "Visions: Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired" from Brooklyn Borough President, Marty Markowitz,

Priscilla is a graduate of Pace University. She received her Masters in Health Service Administration from the New School for Social Research in New York. She has also received additional education on Care for the Elderly in the Orient sponsored by the University of California in Los Angeles Gerontological Society of America.

Mr. Speaker, Priscilla Maddox has made several and varied contributions to her community including service to the elderly, business development, and sponsoring continuing education programs. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

COMMENDING WALDO "WALLY" SMEBY, 2004 IOWA SMALL BUSINESSMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an accomplished small businessman from my Congressional District. Waldo "Wally" Smeby, President of Metalcraft, Inc. in Mason City, Iowa was recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration as the Iowa Small Business Person of the Year. Next week Mr. Smeby will join other accomplished small business people in Orlando, Florida as the Small Business Administration will award the National Small Business Person of the Year.

Wally is well deserving of this recognition.

Wally first joined Metalcraft as an assistant controller in 1959, and in the true spirit of the American Dream, began working his way up. He went on to become controller, sales and marketing director, general manager, and finally company president from 1988–1993. In 1993, after the passing of founders of the company, Wally purchased the company.

His entrepreneurial achievements have established Metalcraft with worldwide sales of over \$7 million and 70 employees. The majority of the growth and success the company has enjoyed has come while Wally was in a leadership position.

Wally's dedication and work provides benefits to the entire country. Small businesses are the engine of the American economy, as they represent 99.7 percent of all employers.

As his Congressman, and fellow small businessman, I join with all Iowans in wishing Wally the best of luck next week. And, I thank him for the work he has done for his community, his state, and his country.

TRIBUTE TO THE PHYSICIANS,
CONSULTING PHYSICIANS AND
EMPLOYEES OF STONEWALL
JACKSON HOSPITAL

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Stonewall Jackson Hospital and the over thirty physicians, more than 80 consulting physicians and 200 dedicated employees who provide the warm professionalism and the personal touch that patients have come to expect from their local hospital.

Stonewall Jackson Hospital is located in the historic city of Lexington, Virginia and they are celebrating their fiftieth anniversary in the same location.

Since this week is National Hospital and Healthcare week, I think it is only fitting to recognize the important contributions that Stonewall Jackson Hospital and their employees have made to our community.

Stonewall Jackson Hospital (SJH) is the primary healthcare provider, serving the communities of Lexington, Buena Vista and the surrounding Rockbridge County. Stonewall Jack-

son Hospital is a non-profit, critical access hospital dedicated to quality care and patient comfort.

Stonewall Jackson Hospital began in 1907 with the dedication of a group of local women—The United Daughters of the Confederacy—and the financial and logistical support of the local community.

Mary Anna Morrison Jackson, widow of Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson wanted to start a nursing home for older ladies. This was an effort to preserve the only home "Stonewall" had ever owned; it was being considered for demolition and replacement with a community building. The United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), looking for a fitting memorial for T.J. Jackson, approached Mrs. Jackson in 1901 about buying the home for use as a hospital. Mrs. Jackson consented and Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital officially opened in 1907. The UDC held a "shower" to provide linens and pantry items to the new hospital.

For the next fifty years the women of the UDC financed, supported, and managed the affairs of the hospital. It was a struggle for the hospital to survive. At this time, doctors made house calls. No one went to the hospital for treatment unless they were very seriously ill. Hospitals were thought to be for the insane and the desperately ill only. In the first five years of operation, Stonewall Jackson Hospital saw only 26 patients.

The increase of knowledge pertaining to infection and the growth of the community, eventually prompted doctors to centralize their services at the hospital, requiring patients to come to them, rather than the other way around.

Commitment and support through the last century allowed the hospital to grow, expand, and move to its current location. In 1954, Stonewall Jackson Hospital moved across town to its present site. An enhanced structure was completed on the same site in 2002.

The recently completed, state-of-the-art medical facility blends modern technology with comfort, cutting-edge equipment with small-town hospitality. Stonewall Jackson Hospital truly redefines healthcare in the community.

OFFICER JOHN PATRICK WATSON—
ALASKAN HERO

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the men and women in blue who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Every year, thousands of law enforcement officers from all corners of our Nation come together to hold a candlelight vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial at Judiciary Square. Spouses, children and even those who just want to say thank you come together to honor the over 16,000 heroes whose names have been inscribed on that marble wall. These heroes are law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Today, I pay my respects to these heroes and to share the sorrow as we remember and honor them for their unselfish commitment to protect and serve. We honor their lives and all they have done to make our streets a safer place for us to live.